

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1038

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Colonel William Donnell  
"Don" Young, Jr., of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Colonel William Donnell "Don" Young, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Don Young was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Young was a graduate of Castle Heights Military Academy; he received a bachelor's degree in 1956 from Vanderbilt University and a Doctor of Juris Prudence from the YMCA School of Law; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Marine Corps for thirty-eight years, and he retired from military service with the rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Colonel Young practiced law in Middle Tennessee for more than forty years, serving as a mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving his community, Colonel Don Young was a board member of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club and the J.L. Clay Senior Citizens Center; he was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 72, the Carnton Association, the Heritage Foundation, and the Downtown Franklin Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Colonel Young was a four-time recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Don Young enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-seven years, Brenda Little Young, and was the proud parent of two sons, William "Donnie" Young III and Alex Murphy; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his sister, Betty Spurlock; two grandchildren, Will Young and Allison Jacques; and many other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Colonel William Donnell Young, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Colonel William Donnell "Don" Young, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Colonel Young.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.